

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 6, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 4, 4/3/2017; HB 5, 4/3/2017; HB 6, 4/3/2017; HB 7, 4/3/2017;
HB 11, 4/3/2017; HB 9, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: HB 4 Be Concurred In As Amended

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:24 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:02 Rep. Ballance

HEARING ON HB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:24 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

EXHIBIT(fcs72a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:18 Russ Katherman, Architectural and Engineering Division, Department of Administration

00:06:44 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fcs72a02)

00:07:16 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:08:11 Robert Sanders, Ducks Unlimited

00:09:16 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(fcs72a03)

00:09:42 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

00:10:06 Steve McEvoy, representing himself

00:11:03 Steve Platt, Helena Hunters and Anglers

00:11:23 Richard Hutton, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

00:11:41 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:19 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:42 Sen. Moore
00:13:01 Ms. Duncan, LFD
00:13:44 Sen. Phillips
00:14:27 Ms. Duncan
00:15:02 Sen. Phillips
00:15:04 Martha Williams, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:34 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:00 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a05\)](#)

00:16:02 Chairman Jones left the meeting, and Sen. Moore assumed the duties of Chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:46 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:19 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:56 Sen. Sesso
00:20:23 Ms. Duncan, LFD
00:20:47 Sen. Sesso
00:21:22 Sen. Wolken
00:21:32 Ms. Duncan
00:22:11 Sen. Wolken
00:22:16 Ms. Duncan
00:22:30 Chair Moore
00:22:32 Ms. Duncan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:46 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:11 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation and development grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:54 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:24:19 Jenny Chambers, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:55 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:50 Chair Moore

00:26:01 Ms. Duncan, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:56 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:43 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure state endowment program.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:43 Jennifer Olson, administrator, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce

00:29:05 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:29:28 Greg Lukasik, Town of Flaxville

00:30:35 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:32:12 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a09\)](#)

00:32:54 Sharon Haugen, City of Helena
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a10\)](#)

00:33:22 Greg Wirth, Stahly Engineering
00:33:46 Joe Skinner, commissioner, Gallatin County
00:34:55 Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a11\)](#)

00:35:23 Drew Pearson, WWC Engineering, Town of Medicine Lake
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:05 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a13\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:15 Chair Moore
00:37:31 Ms. Duncan, LFD
00:38:00 Sen. Sesso
00:38:45 Ms. Duncan
00:39:56 Sen. Lang
00:40:21 Mr. Lukasik, Flaxville

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:44 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:11 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 9, Cultural and aesthetic grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:07 Kirstin Han Burgoyne, interim executive director, Montana Arts Council

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:38 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:08 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:59 Rep. Woods

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

00:46:49 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:47:25 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **HB 4 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs72a14)

Discussion:

00:47:40 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division

00:48:03 Sen. Sesso

00:48:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting..

00:48:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 4 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. L. Jones, Sen. McNally, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Whitford were excused. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:49 AM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fcs72aad.pdf](#))